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SUBJ: TAN/ ZAM ROAD MAINTENANCE PROBLEM

1. ACCORDING FORD MOTOR CO. REPS EMILE MEYER (NEWARK, N. .) AND R. HEMSLEY (NAIROBI), WHO BRIEFED EMBOFF MARCH 26, THERE CONSENSUS AMONG TANGOV, EMBASSY DAR AND USAID DAR THAT (A) NEW TANZAM ROAD FAST DETERIORATING, (B) PLANNED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC AND ESPECIALLY SIZE OF TRUCKLOADS (UP TO 140,000 LB.) WILL ACCELERATE PROCESS AND " IN 12 MONTHS NEW ROAD WILL BE AS BAD AS MOROGORO- DAR STRETCH," AND (C) TWO OFFICERS OF STIRLING-ASTALDI (PHONETIC) CONTRACTING FIRM HAVE BEEN JAILED FOR ALLEGED PPOR WORK ON ROAD. FORD REPS ADDED THEY UNDERSTOOD US FIRM NELLO TEER " LOSING MONEY LIKE MAD" ON ITS CONTRACT, NOT YET COMPLETED.

2. WE WONDER ABOUT THIS REPORT BECAUSE OF OUR FAIRLY REGULAR DIET OF EXAGGERATED EXPAT PREDICTIONS OF IMPENDING DISASTER. MAINTENANCE PROBLEM TO BE EXPECTED IN VIEW PROSPECT OF GREATLY INCREASED USE OF ROAD, BUT IS SITUATION AS BAD AS DEPICTED AND IF SO ARE COUNTER MEASURES IN TRAIN?

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